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BOOK REVIEWS AND NOTICES.

Since last reviewed in the QUARTERLY, *The Land of Sunshine* (hereafter to be known as *Out West*) has printed another valuable source for Southwestern history hitherto unpublished in English, namely, the report made in 1632-3 by Father Fray Estévan de Perea, successor to Benavides as Custodian of the Missions of New Mexico, to the Commissary-General of New Spain, on the Perea expedition to New Mexico and the state of the missions there. The abbreviated title of the first part of the report (printed in the November number), is the *Truthful Report of the Magnificent Conversion which has been had in New Mexico (Verdadera Relacion, de la grandiosa Conversion que ha auido en el Nuevo Mexico)*. The title of the second part (December number) is the *Second Report of the Magnificent Conversion which has been had in New Mexico*. As the editor comments, "this rare document advances by nearly three years our knowledge of affairs in this important period of the early history of New Mexico."

The "Antiquities of Mexico," by Lord Kingsborough. A collation. By Rev. Edmond J. P. Schmitt. San Antonio, MCML. Pp. 22.

This is another piece of work that occupied the failing energies of Father Schmitt during the period just previous to his death.¹ It seemed to be his special desire to do what might be helpful to other students, and this collation is a good example of the fruit of such a spirit. It is a description of Lord Kingsborough's rare work of a kind to enable one who has not access to the series of volumes himself to judge as well as may be in such case of its contents. Unfortunately, the notes were incomplete when the author died; and the promise in the foreword to indicate, so far as he could ascertain, "the *locale*, of copies of the work" remains unfilled.

Shortly after the collation had been placed in press Father Schmitt died, and the work of editing it fell upon his friend, Miss Adina de Zavala. The difficulties with which she had to contend

¹See THE QUARTERLY, V 61-62.

are sufficiently shown by her note on page 6, which indicates how troublesome the copy was to deal with, but she seems to have been very successful in overcoming them.

Those who have been interested in the description of the *Colección de Memorias de Nueva España* in the *Nation* of May 30, 1901, will be pleased to observe from this collation that Lord Kingsborough's work contains several of the documents in that series, and will therefore be a useful check on the copyists of the *Colección*.

The October number of the *American Historical Review* (Vol. VII, No. 1) contains articles by an able corps of writers on a wide range of subjects. Goldwin Smith, in *The Age of Homer*, aims to locate the Homeric period through a study of its political, social, and æsthetic conditions. He concludes from evidence of this nature that Homer wrote at a date later than that fixed by Herodotus, and later than is now generally believed. In *Anglo-Saxon Feudalism*, George Burton Adams, applying a strict definition to the term "feudalism," concludes that, in its essential characteristics, this institution did not exist in Anglo-Saxon England. This is contrary to the impression created by recent writers, notably, Professor Maitland, in his *Domesday Book and Beyond*. Charles W. Colby, in *The Jesuit Relations*, reviews editor Thwaites's great work and discusses critically the historical value of the sources in question. To any one using the relations the article is well work reading. Carl Becker writes on *Growth of Revolutionary Parties and Methods in New York, 1765-1774*. Albert Bushnell Hart contributes *The Monroe Doctrine and the Doctrine of Permanent Interest*. He first states the various meanings of "the Monroe doctrine," and then lays down six principles upon which any doctrine of "permanent interest" of the United States must be based. The documents printed in this number are *Letters on the Nullification Movement in South Carolina, 1830-1834, II*.

Annals of the Fowler Family, with Branches in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, Mississippi, California and Texas. By Mrs. James Joyce Arthur (Glenn Dora Fowler Arthur), Member Executive Council, Texas State Historical Association, a real Daughter of the American Revolu-